

Miss Maricopa Scholarship Pageant

Application

We will begin accepting applications on August 14, 2010. Applications and a non-refundable fee of \$25 must be received by September 3, 2010 to be considered. If the Miss Maricopa Board approves your application, you will be notified by September 7, 2010. If you are not approved, you will receive a letter explaining the decision. Prior to the event you will receive a confirmation packet and must follow the rules in order to participate in the event. The confirmation packet will have details pertaining to preparation meetings, performance time and location. The on-stage competition will be held Saturday, October 2, 2010 at 7 pm, with the judges' interview on Friday, October 1, 2010. By returning this application, you agree to abide by all rules and conditions set forth in this application for participating in this event.

Applicant Information

NAME: _____ Birth date: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ CELL: _____

School: _____

Year in School: _____ GPA: _____

Clubs/Organizations: _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

Eligibility Requirements

1. Residency - The contestant must have resided in Pinal County for a minimum of six (6) months prior to entering the Miss Maricopa pageant. Entry date is the date the contestant contract is signed. Proof will be an Arizona Driver's License, auto registration, current lease agreement, student ID or any other official document establishing residency.
 2. Education and GPA - The contestant must have completed at least one full-time semester at a high school. Or the contestant must have completed one semester or quarter at a Community College or a 4-year College/University within the State of Arizona and must be currently enrolled as a full-time student. Student must have a current GPA of 3.0 or higher. Proof will be evidence of registration, transcripts or other official documentation from the appropriate educational institution.
 3. Age - The contestant must be the age of 17 as of December 31, 2010; and no older than 24 by December 31, 2010.
 4. Citizenship - United States Citizen
 5. Be of good moral character
 6. Never married; Never pregnant
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Contestant Responsibilities

As a contestant in the Miss Maricopa Pageant, you are required to raise a minimum \$300 sponsorship, which will be represented as advertisement(s) in the Miss Maricopa Pageant & Scholarship Association 2010 Program Book.

Keep in mind that a sponsor does not have to be a single business or person. Sponsorships can come from multiple businesses, or groups of family & friends. For example, 15 family members & friends could contribute \$20 each to generate one (1) sponsorship of \$300. Sponsorship payments can be made in cash, checks, or money orders.

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Title Holder Commitment

What happens after being crowned as a titleholder? It is your job, with the help of the Miss Maricopa Board of Directors, to represent our community in promoting your platform to the citizens, working with city officials, and making appearances for City of Maricopa events. You may expect to complete at least 20 hours of service to the community while performing these duties.

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Areas of Competition

Talent (35% of total score)

Contestants perform a 90-second to two-minute routine of their own choosing. Some possible talents include all types of singing, dancing, gymnastics, instrumental music, dramatic or comedy monologues, baton twirling and ventriloquism. Other talents that can be performed solo on a stage are also possible. Scoring is based on contestant's talent selection and performance as it distinguishes both her skills and personality, interpretive ability, technical skill level (execution, technique, synchronization, control), stage presence and the totality of all elements (including costume, props, voice, use of body, and choreography).

Personal Interview (25% of total score)

Each contestant participates in an individual 10-minute press conference-style interview with our panel of judges. There are typically 5 to 7 judges on a panel. Community service and details pertaining to the contestant's chosen platform (described more in detail below) will be a main focus in the questions presented. Contestants are also questioned on their background as presented on their fact sheet, their educational and career goals, their opinions on current events and social issues, and their interests, hobbies and extracurricular activities. Scoring is based on overall first impression, validated opinions and responses in context, poise, personal appearance and attractiveness, personality, intelligence, style, emotional control, speech, vocabulary, grammar, ability to have a confident and commanding presence; knowledge, understanding, and ability to articulate her platform issue, sense of accomplishment, ability to fulfill job responsibilities of Miss Maricopa.

Evening Wear (20% of total score)

Each contestant appears on stage in an outfit of her own choosing, representative of what she would wear to a formal "after five" social event. Pantsuits, cocktail dresses and evening gowns are all appropriate for this phase of the competition. Scoring is based on overall first impression, sense of confidence, personality and stage presence, walk and posture, carriage and grace, appropriateness of attire, sense of style, sense of attractiveness, beauty, and charm.

Lifestyle & Fitness (15% of total score)

Each contestant briefly appears on stage in fitness attire consisting of black exercise shorts and a white shirt with sleeves. The Executive Director of the pageant must approve fitness attire prior to competition. Scoring is based on overall strong physical fitness and health, sense of attractiveness and presence; display of energy, charisma, and expression, sense of confidence and composure.

On-Stage Question (5% of total score)

The On-Stage Interview phase of competition is comprised of questions of a general nature, one of which will be platform-related. The objective is to evaluate the contestant's ability to think on her feet and answer a question of general interest to people her age, including but not limited to local, state, and national current events. Scoring is based on overall first impression and the judges should ask themselves: 1. Did the contestant answer the question in the context in which it was asked? 2. Can she handle the pressure of speaking on stage in front of an audience? 3. Will young people see her as a role model who is reflective of today's generation?

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Platform Overview

The personal platform is an important aspect of the interview portion of competition as well as for the titleholder during her year of reign as Miss Maricopa. Choosing an issue of importance to her and to society, the titleholder will focus a minimum of 20 hours community service throughout the year to educate the community of the importance of her platform. Through in-depth interviewing during the competition, each contestant is evaluated on her commitment to her chosen issue. Examples of platform issues have included child advocacy, volunteerism, domestic violence, literacy, diabetes, awareness, eating disorders and our nation's homeless.

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Legal Authorization and Liability Waiver

To the extent allowed by law, I hereby absolve the City of Maricopa, the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce, members of the Stagecoach Days entertainment committee and the Miss Maricopa Board and all other event sponsors from all liability which may arise as the result of my/our participation in activities I, or any member of my family, attends or registers into; and, in the event that the above participant is a minor, I hereby give my permission for his or her participation as indicated and in doing so absolve the City of Maricopa, the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce, members of the Stagecoach Days entertainment committee and Miss Maricopa Pageant board and all other event sponsors from such liability. I am aware that if I have registered myself and/or my child for a special event involving physical activity, I have taken care to enroll in an event appropriate to my/our personal abilities and/or medical condition. I release use of my/our photos taken during program participation from all and any claims and demands resulting from their use in program publicity. By signing below I agree to abide by the rules and conditions set forth in this document by the Miss Maricopa Board of Directors.

Participant Signature: _____ DATE: _____

Participant printed name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ DATE: _____

Parent/Guardian printed name: _____

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Ventura Productions, LLC

SUBMIT FORM TO: City Hall, 45145 W. Madison Ave. Maricopa, AZ 85139 or

FAX TO: 520-568-9120 **ATTN:** Miss Maricopa Scholarship Pageant

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